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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WELATER), AS
SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

REF: STATE 101659

1. PRIME MINISTER FRASER WAS VERY ANGRY WHEN HE RETURNED FROM TOKYO ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23 AND HIS OFFICE INFORMED HIM THAT THE SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN REFTEL DID NOT INCLUDE A WORKING LUNCHEON ON MAY 8 WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT. FRASER FEELS MOST STRONGLY THAT HE WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS "ALL OF THE IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING OUR TWO NATIONS" FAILING A WORKING LUNCHEON. FRASER HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN THIS LINE (SEE CANBERRA 2109).

2. IN MY VIEW, WE WILL HAVE TO ACCOMMODATE FRASER ON THIS. IF NOT, I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT WILL DETRACT SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE BENEFICIAL RESULTS WE EXPECT TO OBTAIN FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

3. THIS BEING SAID, I ALSO BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT MEET WITH A BROADER CROSS-SECTION OF
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AUSTRALIANS -- ESPECIALLY OPPOSITION LEADER BILL HAYDEN, TRADE UNION OFFICIALS SUCH AS BOB HAWKE AND JOHN DUCKER, ALONG WITH BUSINESS AND OTHER LEADERS. THE ONLY WAY I CAN SEE THAT WE CAN ACCOMMODATE BOTH OBJECTIVES AND AVOID OFFENDING A SENSITIVE AND DETERMINED PRIME MINISTER IS:
(1) TO GIVE IN AND ACCEPT THE WORKING LUNCHEON, AND (2) TO INVITE 35-40 LEADING AUSTRALIANS AND THEIR WIVES TO THE

RESIDENCE TO MEET WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT JUST PRIOR TO THE
DINNER AT THE LODGE ON MAY 8, SAY 1800-1930.

4. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE A PROMPT REPLY TO THIS
MESSAGE.
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